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**MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN EHRLICHMAN**

**FROM: Henry A. Kissinger**  
**SUBJECT: FBI Intelligence Letter**

**Attached is the FBI Intelligence Letter for August 24, 1970,  
which may be of interest.**

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*Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.*

August 24, 1970

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

There is enclosed for your information  
the FBI Intelligence Letter for August 24, 1970.

A copy of this document is being sent to  
the Vice President and the Attorney General. Upon  
removal of the classified enclosure, this letter  
becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name. The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "Hoover".

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# **FBI INTELLIGENCE LETTER**

August 24, 1970

"Rip off Spiro" in a South American-style kidnapping and "you could name your own price" for his release, claims the White Panther Party. This New Left support arm of the Black Panthers is also considering kidnapping "a really big pig, such as Ford or Griffin" (Congressman Gerald R. Ford and Senator Robert P. Griffin of Michigan) to trade for the release of Panther leader Bobby Seale.

The risks in kidnapping the Vice President are recognized by the White Panthers, but they claim that any number of Michigan Congressmen could be kidnapped without so much "security hassle." Tom Hayden, convicted member of the "Chicago 7" who is described by the White Panthers as close to "our ideology," called the recent California courtroom kidnapping and murder of a judge "our first kidnap attempt. There will be a second, and a third."

White Panther Party leader Lawrence Robert Plamondon, now in custody on charges of bombing a Central Intelligence Agency office in September, 1968, was arrested in possession of voluminous Party documents, in addition to weapons and explosives. The documents detail these terrorist schemes and show that while a fugitive from justice Plamondon met with Black Panther Party leader Eldridge Cleaver in Algeria and with both North Korean and North Vietnamese officials in Europe. Plamondon claimed European underground contacts afforded him security, transportation, and bodyguards.

"Guerrilla violence" will replace riots in this country predict the White Panther documents. Escalation to a "war" level, using bombs and sabotage, will force use of the Army instead of police to combat "revolutionary violence." Another tactic being considered by the White Panthers to ease financial problems is "ripping off banks like our brothers in South America, the Tupamaros." Plamondon's papers included material on mines, chemical warfare, foreign firearms, a "Guide to Viet Cong Booby Traps and Explosive Devices," and a drawing of the interior of a bank.

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